

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 13, line 4 (the first full paragraph on page 13), with the following rewritten paragraph:

The image file GF of this working example can have a file structure according to a digital still camera image file format standard ("Exif" "Exif") for example. The ~~Exif~~ Exif file specifications are determined by the Japan Electronics & Information Technology Industries Association (JEITA). Referring to ~~figure~~ Figure 2, the ~~schematically~~ schematic structure will be explained of a file interior when the image file GF of this working example has a file format according to this ~~Exif~~ Exif file format. Figure 2 is an explanatory diagram that schematically shows the image file GF of a working example stored in an ~~Exif~~ Exif file format.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 13, line 11 (the second full paragraph on page 13), with the following rewritten paragraph:

Image file 11, as an ~~Exif~~ Exif file, includes JPEG image data storage area 111 that stores JPEG format image data, and additional information storage area 112 that stores various types of information relating to the stored JPEG image data. Stored in additional information storage area 112 is shooting time information relating to the JPEG image shooting conditions such as shooting date and time, exposure, and shutter speed, etc., and JPEG image thumbnail image data stored in JPEG image data storage area 11 is stored in TIFF format. Also, additional information storage area 112 has "Makernote" data storage area 113 which is an undefined area left open for DSC manufacturers, and the output control information C1 of this working example is stored in Makernote data storage area 113. Also, as is known by those in the industry, with ~~Exif~~ Exif format files, a tag is used to characterize each data, and Makernote is allocated as the tag name for data stored in Makernote data storage area 113, and this is called a Makernote tag.